

BLACK REVIVALIST WILL HAVE A WHITE AUDIENCE SATURDAY

The Rev. Alexander Willbanks' Meetings Attracting Big Crowds—Requests for Reservation of Large Section of Church.

A special sermon for white people, with reservations to accommodate hundreds who have asked for a chance to hear him, will be preached Saturday night at the Varick A. M. E. Zion Church, 17th and Catharine streets, by the Rev. Alexander Willbanks, the "Black Billy Sunday."

Another record-breaking crowd filled Varick Temple to the doors last night. By the time Willbanks started to preach every seat was taken and men and women, among them more than 100 white persons, were standing in the aisles of the auditorium and gallery.

The subject of the sermon last night was "Excuse Me." Owing to the size of the crowd, Mr. Willbanks confined his acrobatic demonstrations to the platform. Again he demonstrated that he could thrill and sway his people by his sermon alone without recourse to gymnastics.

Twenty-nine men and women "struck the pike," at the end of the sermon and filled the two rows of benches set aside for penitents. Many white men and women participated in the picturesque singing and praying over the penitents after the bulk of the congregation had gone home. As usual, this ceremony, one of the most interesting and time-honored in all negro revivals, continued for more than an hour.

The fame of the "Black Billy Sunday," so called, has spread to many towns surrounding Philadelphia. In the line that began to form outside the temple at 8 o'clock last night were people from various towns in New Jersey. They waited patiently until the doors were opened, shortly after 7 o'clock.

"CHAUTAUQUA SALUTE." The usual two hours of singing followed. Willbanks last night adopted the "Chautauqua salute to the Lord."

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are," also has been adopted by the revivalist, as well as the plan of having one line sung by one section, with responses from others. The entire congregation joins in the singing. So far the choir at the church has been small, but plans are under way to form a choir of from three to five hundred voices in the expectation that a larger place will be obtained for the revival big enough to hold at least 5000 persons.

EVANGELIST'S STOCK OF STORIES. Willbanks interspersed his sermon last night with several of his stories of the South, as usual. He seems to have an unlimited supply of them. So far those who have heard every sermon say he has not repeated once.

He told his hearers last night that Philadelphia is full of "sandblinding Christians." Then he explained that at Galveston, Tex., a large number of people may always be found on the beach who apparently have nothing to do but play in the sand.

The story of a man who apologized to a mule related by the evangelist concluded his sermon. The street religion can make a man do anything.

"You know how some men hate mules," he said. "Well, there was a man down South who loved a mule. The man was stubborn and the mule was more stubborn. The man said 'Gee' and the mule wouldn't pay any attention. Finally the man jumped up on the mule's back and bit a piece out of his ear. The mule threw him off and jumped on him."

"After a while that man got religion. He thought it over a while, and then he went to his mule and said, 'Master Mule, forgive me, I'm sorry I bit your ear! And I guess the mule forgave him, because he didn't lash out with his heels.'"

ATTACKS SALOON AND POOLROOM. Willbanks again went after the liquor dealers last night and also included the poolrooms. He said there are between 10,000 and 20,000 Negroes in this city not members of any church. Then he declared he doesn't care a rap for the politicians, whom he accused of exploiting the Negro for his vote. He says he will get after them all.

The revivalist went after the "people who can't walk straight in the streets of Philadelphia while they're talking of reading the golden streets of Heaven." He said some of them would never get there, and if they did they'd steal the golden paving blocks.

"Some people talk of going to Heaven to sit by the side of the Lamb," he said. "They won't get there. Where they'll go there'll be some other fellow sitting by the side of the Lamb, and you'll know where that is. It's hell."

"GETTING RELIGION." Two women collapsed when the evangelist reached the climax of his sermon. Curiously, all of those who faint, or seem to, at the negro revival recover without the services of a physician, even without a drink of water in many instances. With hardly an exception, each adopts the same method. The Negroes call it "getting religion." In line with the evangelist's dictum that if religion doesn't move one's hands or feet, or make one who gets it shout, he hasn't got it.



KATHERINE WENTWORTH Girl who will throw the lever that makes the cast for the Pennsylvania Women Suffragists' Liberty Bell at Troy, N. Y.

SUFFRAGE BELL WILL RING FOR "CAUSE"

It Will Be Carried Throughout the State and Will Proclaim Victory, If There Be Any.

A 12-year-old girl will play the leading role at the ceremonies in connection with the casting of the Pennsylvania Women's Liberty Bell at the Meneely Bell Company's foundry, in Troy, N. Y., on March 31. She is Katherine Wentworth, of Stratford, Pa., a niece of Mrs. Katherine Wentworth Ruschenberger, who is donating the bell to the suffrage cause.

Little Miss Wentworth will operate the lever that will regulate the flow of the molten metal into the bell mold. Officially, she will "cast" the bell that is to proclaim the political independence of her sex throughout the State on the day that the men of Pennsylvania grant equal suffrage to their women folk.

The suffragists at State headquarters here are confident that this day will be a most successful one. It will be a day of triumph, and it will be a day of triumph. The suffragists at State headquarters here are confident that this day will be a most successful one. It will be a day of triumph, and it will be a day of triumph.

BECKER'S APPEAL BASED ON EVENING LEDGER INTERVIEW

Statement Obtained From Negro Trial Used as Argument for New Trial.

Police lieutenant Charles Becker's fight for a new trial, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, has been opened in the Court of Appeals, at Albany, with an attack by Merton T. Manton, Becker's counsel, upon the testimony of James Marshall, the Negro, of this city.

Having his argument on the statement made by Marshall to a reporter of the EVENING LEDGER and later put in the form of an affidavit recanting his sworn testimony at the second trial, Mr. Manton summarized his case.

"A feature of the case," he said, "which throughout a perusal of the record strikes one with irresistible force is that if every reference to Becker were eliminated the crime of murder would be in every respect complete. Becker is not essential to the inception, its progress, or its consummation. The offense is complete in every detail without him. Proof of his participation is in no sense an essential element of the evidence incriminating him is superimposed upon an already complete structure."

"Nothing could be more evident," continued Mr. Manton, "than that Whitman wanted the stand because he was long before he saw that those soundless wheels were willing to give him Becker, provided only they received proper compensation and facilities for arranging their stories."

Mr. Manton laid stress upon the recantation of the testimony of the Negro Marshall made to the EVENING LEDGER. This testimony, which was given at the second trial of the convicted lieutenant, substantiated the existence of the famous Harlem conference at which the murder of the gambler was alleged to have been discussed by Becker and Jack Ross, at that time and said, in the office of the EVENING LEDGER, that he perceived himself on the stand because he was threatened with arrest and imprisonment.

Representations of the Annunciation, the Virgin Mary is shown kneeling, or seated at a table reading. The Lily, her emblem, is placed between her and the Angel Gabriel, who holds in one hand a scepter surmounted by a fleur-de-lis, on a lily stalk. Generally a scroll is proceeding from his mouth with the words Ave Maria, gratia plena. Sometimes the Holy Spirit, represented as a dove, is seen descending towards the Virgin.

E. H. YERKES' FUNERAL City's Heaviest Man Will Be Buried Tomorrow. Eugene H. Yerkes, believed to have been the heaviest man in the city, will be buried tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in St. James (Kingsessing) Cemetery. Funeral services will be held at his home, 701 Woodland avenue.

BIG SUFFRAGE RALLY FOR N. J. WOMEN

Speakers and Workers From Five States Will Attend Conference at Elizabeth.

TRENTON, March 25.—Every New Jersey woman favoring "votes for women" who can arrange to do so will go to Elizabeth Friday in answer to the call of the New Jersey Woman's Suffrage Association. Speakers and workers from five States will be in attendance, and after the meeting of the State Executive Committee of the organization in the morning, a rousing rally of workers will be held, at which the plans of the organization will be discussed for getting out a full vote at the special election on the proposition to amend the constitution of the State to allow women to vote at all elections.

In addition there will be a conference of the Union County Suffrage League, at the meeting of the suffrage headquarters, at 290 North Broad street, at luncheon at the Carteret Arms and a donation of silver and gold jewelry for the meeting pot. Mrs. E. P. Folsom, the committee in charge of this State-wide rally has planned to have five speeches at the afternoon meeting. Charles T. Hallinan, formerly of the Chicago Tribune, and now director of the National Woman Suffrage Press Bureau, will speak on "Suffrage Publicity." Mrs. J. W. Slayback, a factory inspector of this State, will talk on "New Jersey Women in Industry." Miss Florence Leech, of Montana, will tell "How We Won the Vote in Montana." Miss Nellie Swartz, executive secretary of the New York County Women's League, will discuss "Women and Wages," and Mrs. J. W. Slayback, president of the New Jersey Suffrage Association, will speak on "New Jersey, the Next Suffrage State."

At the meeting of the State Executive Committee, called for 10:30 o'clock in the morning, policies governing the work to be done during the campaign will be decided on.

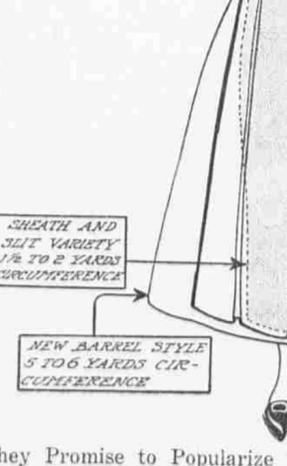
The message by the Senate yesterday of the House bill authorizing the appointment of special election watchers to do duty at the polls on the day of the special election has caused great jubilation among the woman suffragists. This is regarded as a signal victory for the women's cause, and their campaign has been given an added impetus.

MICHELL'S 25 YEARS OLD Anniversary Observed by Fine Display of Nature's Beauties. The 25th anniversary of the organization of the Henry P. Michell Company is being celebrated today at the seed store, 518 Market street.

In spite of the much-discussed "industrial depression," the number and extent of the sales attending the celebration are exceeding all past records. Several thousand orders are being received daily in consequence of the advent of spring. According to members of the firm, they come from farmers, amateur agriculturists, gardeners and urban residents who are "getting back to nature" by planting grass.

One feature of the anniversary is a tribute paid the firm by George C. Watson. To an interesting magazine catalogue published by Michell's, Mr. Watson has contributed an article which he calls "Twenty-five Years in Business; or, a Brief History of the House of Michell." He compliments them on their high standing in the business world, and makes interesting comment on the development of horticulture in the last quarter century.

BALLOON SKIRTS A BOON TO WOMAN LONG SHACKLED



They Promise to Popularize Walking, and Also They Are Hailed With Joy by Dry Goods Merchants and Manufacturers of Dress Materials.

Women are learning to walk all over again. The stilted, mincing Japanese tread three steps to a yard, has given way to the broad, generous stride of an athlete and "jimmy" buses and new subways notwithstanding, pedestrianism promises once more to become a popular form of exercise.

Skirts are responsible. Every time the fashion arbiters decide to take in or let out a reef in skirts, women are constrained to modify or expand their gait accordingly.

If you don't believe this watch the progress of a smartly attired woman on Chestnut street. The day is rainy. She comes to a yawning river. Otherwise known as gutter, she is distracted and anxious to get on the other side, she turns this way and then that, seeking out a place that she can brook.

And then suddenly a smile of relief suffuses her face. She remembers, skirts are wide this month. No lowly gutter, no matter how torrential, can defy her. No hobbled garment has her in its power. For the time being at least she is unshackled. One leap and she is over.

But if the fair sex is rejoicing at this sartorial emancipation, the manufacturers of dress goods are no less good humored. Full barrel skirts require three times the quantity of goods that their slim predecessor, the sheath skirt, demanded. Furthermore, material which by force of necessity they had to make 28 inches wide, because modulated contours utilize a greater width in the narrow style, is now being put out 40 and 42 inches wide to meet the cry for distended skirts.

The material needed for the skirt just passed into those unknown regions where dead fashions go would not have bankrupted a pauper. Two yards was the maker could use and the width of the garment was a yard and a half.

RELIGION AS FINE ART

New York Clergyman Discusses Faith From New Angle.

Religion is the finest of the arts, declared the Rev. Charles J. Smith, of Holy Trinity Church, New York, who delivered the Lenten sermon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6th and Race streets, today. "Singing the Lord's Song" was his subject.

"Art has been defined as the sloughing off of life's surplus ages," he said. "Religion is the finest of the arts, because it sloughs off all unnecessary human accretions and leaves the soul naked and unshamed before its God. There is nothing harder in life than to sing when one doesn't feel like it. The Christian feels the choking influence of a world of godlessness. But, nevertheless, he must sing, for the Lord's song is a song of faith, of art and of necessity. The song of the Lord could be nothing less than the highest artistry."

WHERE PILATE FAILED

Lenten Speaker Says Will Did Not Accord With Intellect.

"The Character of Pilate" and the lesson to be drawn from it was the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Francis M. Taitt, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of Chester, who spoke today at the noon Lenten service in St. Paul's Church, Third street below Walnut.

"Pilate failed to train his will to act in accord with his intellect," Mr. Taitt said. "He did not realize that as a material thing, and therefore failed in the supreme test. Man's character is the shadow of his past life. His soul must be in accord with his intellect in order that strength of character will be his."

BISHOP'S LENTEN SERMON

Rev. Dr. McCormick Speaks at Garrick Theatre Service.

The Rev. Dr. John M. McCormick, Bishop of Western Michigan, spoke today on "Loving God With All the Soul" at the noon Lenten service at the Garrick Theatre.

"In loving God with all our soul we face the fact that we are, as the Bible describes us, living souls," he said. "The soul is the self. It is the ego. By loving God with all our soul we fulfill the chief end of man and we unify and centralize our lives, which are otherwise discordant and disproportionate."

SACRIFICIAL SUFFERING

Preacher Uses the Crucifixion as World's Great Example.

A plea for a sacrificial attitude toward life was made by the Rev. W. Quay Ruelle, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, who spoke today at the noon Lenten service of the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Locust streets, on "Why Was the Crucifixion?"

"We are inclined to believe that Christ suffered in order to save us from suffering," Pastor Ruelle said. "But it is necessary to regard the crucifixion as an example. We can lead Christian lives only along the path of sacrificial suffering."

Governor Invited to Banquet

Governor Brumbaugh, Mayor Blankenburg, Mrs. Blankenburg and many prominent persons interested in religious and Sunday school work in this city and State have been invited to attend a banquet to be given delegates to the first international conference of the Women's Section of the International Sunday School Association, Monday night. Tickets for the banquet, which will be held in Horticultural Hall, are on sale at Bellak's 1129 Chestnut street.

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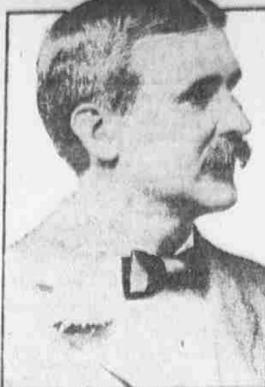
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OBITUARIES



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Mr. Toland was president of the Chestnut Hill Hospital, the Whitmarsh Hunt Club, and a member of the Philadelphia, Rittenhouse, Racquet, Radnor Hunt, Corinthian Yacht and Philadelphia Country Clubs. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter, Mrs. Caspar Bacon, of Boston. The Baroness Mexera de Schauenberg is a sister.

Mr. Toland lived with family at Wynnewood during the winter months and maintained a summer cottage at Fort Washington. His body will be brought to this city for burial.

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SPRING BRINGS NEW LIFE TO MARKETS

Fish Begins to Fall in Prices, While Early Vegetables Make Their Debut.

The advent of spring and the arrival of early vegetables to the markets is making the latter very attractive to the housewife. The approach of the close of the Lenten season is reflected in the downward trend of fish prices and a corresponding rise in meats. Shad is still high, but the more common fish, such as salmon, halibut, flounders and smelts, are very reasonable.

Peppers, egg plants, string beans and red cabbages are still very scarce and the prices are correspondingly high. A feature of the vegetable market is the appearance of new potatoes. They are selling for 25 cents a quarter peck. Tomatoes are becoming more plentiful, while the price of fruit remains stationary.

Beef has gone up an average of from 2 to 4 cents a pound on steaming meat, ribs and sirloins. Round and rump steaks have advanced from 1 to 2 cents. Pork has remained at the same figures, while fowls have advanced from 2 to 5 cents a pound.

Following are this week's prices at the three principal markets in the city:

Table with columns for MEATS, LAMB, and PORK, listing various cuts and prices per pound.

Table with columns for VEGETABLES, listing items like Potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Onions, etc., and prices.

Table with columns for DAIRY PRODUCTS, listing items like Butter, Eggs, etc., and prices.

Table with columns for SUMMER RESORTS, listing locations like Atlantic City, N. J., and prices.

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